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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

I. INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BELARUS

1. In accordance with article 4 of the Law on the Nationality of the Republic of Belarus, a Belarusian national cannot be deprived of nationality nor be deprived of the right to change nationality. A person may cease to be a national of Belarus in the case of repudiation or "loss" of nationality.

2. The Government of the Republic of Belarus stated that there have been no cases of arbitrary deprivation of nationality registered in that country.

II. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR

3. The State of Qatar grants its nationality to any child of a Qatari father born either in Qatar or abroad. Qatari nationality may also be conferred on foreigners provided that they satisfy certain conditions.

4. Withdrawal of nationality is not possible on racial, ethnic, religious or gender grounds. However, the Law of Nationality specifies grounds for loss of nationality.

5. Under the Law, persons deprived of Qatari nationality may recover their original nationality, instead of becoming stateless.